

LAFOURCHE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 9
GHEENS LOUISIANA

COMPONENT UNIT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2010

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Gheens, Louisiana

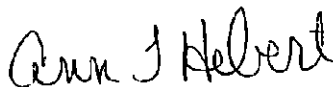
I have compiled the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities of Lafourche Parish Fire Protection District No. 9, a component unit of the Lafourche Parish Council, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2010, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

A compilation is limited to presenting in the form of financial statements information that is the representation of management of the Lafourche Parish Fire Protection District No. 9. I have not audited or reviewed the accompanying basic financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

I am not independent with respect to Lafourche Parish Fire Protection District No. 9.

As discussed in Note 1, the District has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis that the Governmental Accounting Standards Board has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the basic financial statements. I have compiled the supplementary information from information that is the representation of management, without audit or review. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on the supplementary information.

Respectfully submitted,



Ann T. Hebert
Certified Public Accountant

March 15, 2011

LAFOURCHE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 9

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
December 31, 2010

Statement A

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 81,550
Receivable	13,003
Due from other governments	34,846
Construction in progress	14,850
Capital assets - net of accumulated depreciation	<u>144,267</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 288,516</u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	<u>\$ -</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ -</u>

NET ASSETS

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 144,267
Unreserved net assets: General fund	<u>144,249</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 288,516</u>

See accountant's compilation report and accompanying notes.

LAFOURCHE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 9

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended December 31, 2010

Statement B

<u>PROGRAM REVENUES</u>			
	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</u>	<u>OPERATING GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS</u>
			<u>TOTAL</u>
EXPENSES:			
Public Safety - fire protection:			
Maintenance	\$ 8,941		8,941
Legal and professional	2,800		2,800
Depreciation	14,685		14,685
General and Administrative	18,344		18,344
Other	1,520		1,520
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 46,290</u>		<u>\$ 46,290</u>
GENERAL REVENUES:			
Ad valorem taxes			\$ 47,165
Intergovernmental revenues:			
State revenue sharing			7,274
State fire insurance rebate			4,189
Interest			202
Other			1,064
Total general revenues			<u>59,894</u>
Changes in net assets			13,604
Net assets:			
Beginning of the year			<u>274,912</u>
End of the year			<u>\$ 288,516</u>

See accountant's compilation report and accompanying notes.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

LAFOURCHE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 9

BALANCE SHEET -
GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE - GENERAL FUND
December 31, 2010

Statement C

	<u>Governmental Fund Type</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 81,550
Receivables -	
Taxes	13,003
Due from other governmental units	34,846
Construction in progress	<u>14,850</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 144,249</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ -
Fund Equity:	
Fund balance -	
Unreserved - undesignated	<u>144,249</u>
Total fund equity	<u>144,249</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 144,249</u>

See accountant's compilation and accompanying notes.

LAFOURCHE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 9
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENT FUND BALANCE SHEET
TO THE GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
December 31, 2010

Statement D

Total fund balances - governmental funds (Statement C)	\$ 144,249
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The purchase of capital assets are reported as expenditures as they are incurred in the governmental funds. The Statement of Net Assets reports capital assets as an asset to the District. These capital assets are depreciated over their estimated useful lives in the Statement of Activities and are not reported in the governmental funds.

Cost of capital assets	\$289,946	
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(145,679)</u>	
		<u>144,267</u>

Net Assets (Statement A)	<u><u>\$ 288,516</u></u>
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See accountant's compilation and accompanying notes.

LAFOURCHE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 9

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
GOVERNMENTAL FUND - GENERAL FUND
For the year ended December 31, 2010

Statement E

REVENUES:

Ad valorem taxes	\$ 47,165
State revenue sharing	7,274
Interest earnings	202
Insurance rebate	4,189
Other	<u>1,064</u>
Total revenue	<u>59,894</u>

EXPENDITURES:

Public safety:	
General administration	18,344
Professional fees	2,800
Repairs and maintenance	8,941
Other	1,520
Capital Outlay	<u>1,000</u>
Total expenditures	<u>32,605</u>

EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ 27,289
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING	<u>116,960</u>
FUND BALANCE, ENDING	<u><u>\$ 144,249</u></u>

See accountant's compilation and accompanying notes.

LAFOURCHE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 9

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the year ended December 31, 2010

Statement F

Net change in fund balance - total governmental funds (Statement E) \$ 27,289

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement
of activities (Statement B) are different as follows:

Government funds report capital outlays as expenditures.

However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets
are allocated over the estimated useful lives as depreciation
expense. This is the amount of capital outlay less depreciation
during the year, less junked equipment.

(13,685)

Change in net assets of governmental activities (Statement B) \$ 13,604

See accountant's compilation and accompanying notes.

LAFOURCHE PARISH FIRE DISTRICT NO. 9

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2010

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

In June, 1999, the GASB unanimously approved Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments. One of the more significant changes in Statement No. 34 include for the first time a Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section providing an analysis of the District's overall financial position and results of operations and financial statements prepared using full accrual accounting for all of the District's activities. The District has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis that the Governmental Accounting Standards Board has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the basic financial statements. However, other changes are reflected in the accompanying basic financial statements (including notes to financial statements). The District implemented the general provisions of Statement No. 34 for the year ended December 31, 2004.

The accounting and reporting policies of the Lafourche Parish Fire Protection District No. 9 (the District) conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments.

The following is a summary of certain significant accounting policies:

a. REPORTING ENTITY:

The District is a component unit of the Lafourche Parish Council.

The District has reviewed all of its activities and determined that there are no potential component units which should be included in its financial statements.

b. GOVERNMENT - WIDE ACCOUNTING

In accordance with Government Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, the District has presented a Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Activities for the District as a whole. These statements include the primary government and its component units, if applicable, with the exception of fiduciary funds. Those funds are reported separately. Government-Wide Accounting is designed to provide a more comprehensive view of the government's operations and financial position as a single economic entity. The Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Activities are reported on the accrual basis of accounting.

Government-wide statements distinguish between governmental-type and business-type activities. Governmental activities are those financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues and other non-exchange revenues and are usually reported in governmental and internal service funds. Business activities are financed in whole or in part through fees charged for goods or services to the general public and are usually reported in proprietary funds.

Policies specific to the government-wide statements are as follows:

LAFOURCHE PARISH FIRE DISTRICT NO. 9

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2010

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

b. GOVERNMENT - WIDE ACCOUNTING - Continued

Eliminating Internal Activity

Interfund receivables and payables are eliminated in the Statement of Net Assets except for the net residual amounts due between governmental and business-type activities. These are presented as internal balances.

Application of FASB Statements and Interpretations.

Reporting on governmental-type activities are based on FASB Statements and Interpretations issued after November 30, 1989, except where they conflict or contradict GASB pronouncements.

Capitalizing Assets

Assets used in operations with an initial useful life that extends beyond one year are capitalized. Equipment, furniture and fixtures, leasehold improvements, and buildings are depreciated over their estimated useful lives. Depreciation is not calculated on land, land improvements or construction in progress. Accumulated depreciation is recorded at net of depreciable assets in the Statement of Net Assets.

Program Revenues

The Statement of Activities present two categories of program revenues - (1) charges for services and (2) operating grants and contributions.

Charges for services - are revenues from exchanges or exchange like transactions with external parties that purchase, use or directly benefit from the program's goods, services, or privileges. These revenues include fees charged for specific services, licenses and permits, and operating special assessment, and include payments from exchange transactions with other governments.

Operating grants and contributions - are resources that are restricted for operating purposes of a program. They include grants and contributions with restriction that permit the resources to be used for a program operating of capital needs at the recipient government's discretion. If multipurpose contributions and grants that provide financing for more than one program are specifically identified, they are included as program revenues.

c. FUND ACCOUNTING

The District uses funds to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

A fund is a separate accounting entity using the modified accrual method to report revenues and expenditures with a self-balancing set of accounts.

LAFOURCHE PARISH FIRE DISTRICT NO. 9

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2010

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

c. FUND ACCOUNTING - Continued

Governmental Funds

Funds of the District are classified as governmental funds. Governmental funds account for District's general activities, including the collection and disbursement of specific or legally restricted monies, and the construction of two additional fire stations. Governmental Funds of the District includes:

General Fund - The General fund is the general operating fund of the District. It is used to account for all financial resources except those that are required to be accounted for in another fund.

d. MEASUREMENT FOCUS AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities displays information about the reporting government as a whole. Fiduciary funds are not included in the GWFS. Fiduciary funds are reported only in the Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets at the fund financial statement level.

The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities were prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange take place. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from nonexchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 33 "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions."

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

All Governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Their revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available as net current assets. Ad valorem taxes and the insurance rebate are considered "measurable" at the time of availability since the timing of their collection coincides with the timing of the expenditures to be paid. Interest income on investments is recorded as revenue when the investments have matured and the income is available. Miscellaneous revenues are recorded as revenues when received in cash by the District because they are generally not measurable until actually received.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2010

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

d. MEASUREMENT FOCUS AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING - Continued

Fund Financial Statements (FFS)

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurable focus. The governmental funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus and a modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting revenues are recognized when they are measurable and available. Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined and available means collectible when the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for unmatured principal and interest on long-term debt which is recognized when due. Compensated absences and claims and judgments are reported in the governmental fund only if the claims are due and payable.

With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases and decreases in net current assets. The governmental funds use the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures.

e. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Revenues and deferred revenues

Ad valorem taxes are recorded on the modified accrual basis and, therefore, recorded when they are both measurable and available. The calendar for 2010 ad valorem tax roll was as follows:

	Service charges
	<u>Ad valorem taxes</u>
Levy date	December 31, 2010
Due date	December 31, 2010
Lien date	January 1, 2011

State revenue sharing revenues and the 2% fire insurance tax protection rebate are recorded when the District is entitled to the funds.

Expenditures

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred.

Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments are recorded in the fund general ledgers, is not utilized by the District.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2010

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

e. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING - Continued

Other financing Sources (Uses)

Proceeds from the sale of fixed assets and debt acquired for the construction and purchase of fixed assets (capital project fund) are accounted for as other financing sources and are recognized when received. Fixed assets acquired through capital leases are recorded as expenditures and other financing sources at the time of acquisition.

f. USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

g. BUDGET PRACTICES

The District's procedures in establishing the budgetary data for the financials statements required by the Louisiana Revised Statutes 39:1303 are as follows:

- A proposed budget is submitted by the Chief Executive Officer to the Board no later than fifteen days prior to the beginning of each year.
- After completion of all action necessary to finalize and implement the budget, the budget is adopted by the Board and recorded in the minutes of the District. The board, as allowed by state law, does not obtain public participation in the budget process.
- All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each year.
- A budget for the General Fund is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted, or as amended from time to time by the Board.

h. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, and time deposits. Cash equivalents include amounts in time deposits that mature within 90 days after year end and other investments with original maturities of 90 days or less. Under state law, the District may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law or under the laws of the United States.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2010

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

h. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - Continued

Under state law, the Districts may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes, or certificates. These are classified as investments if their original maturities exceed 90 days. However, if the original maturities are 90 days or less, they are classified as cash equivalents.

i. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

The financial statements for the District contain no allowance for uncollectible accounts. Uncollectible amounts due for ad valorem taxes and other receivables are recognized as bad debts at the time information becomes available which would indicate the uncollectibility of the particular receivable. These amounts are not considered to be material in relation to the financial position or operations of the funds.

j. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets are recorded at historical cost and depreciated over their estimated useful lives.

Estimated useful life is management's estimate of how long the asset is estimated to meet service demands. Straight line depreciation is used based on the following estimated useful lives:

Building	40 years
Furniture	5 - 7 years
Equipment	5 - 10 years
Vehicles	5 years

k. VACATION AND SICK LEAVE

The District has no full-time employees. There is no accumulated unpaid vacation at December 31, 2010.

The District does not have a sick leave policy.

NOTE 2 - LEGAL COMPLIANCE-BUDGETS

On November 4, 2009, the budget for the year ended December 31, 2010, was made available for public inspection; the hearing was held; and the budget was formally adopted by the District on December 2, 2010. The 2010 Budget was amended December 1, 2010.

Revenues and expenditures shown on the budget comparison, Page 18, are recognized on the cash basis and are reconciled with the amounts shown on Page 7, as follows:

Excess (deficit) of revenues over (under)	
expenditures - Page 18	\$ 26,913
Add - current year receivables	47,849
Less - prior year receivables	(48,335)
Less - current year payables	-
Add - prior year payables	862
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Excess (deficit) of revenues over (under)	
expenditures - Page 7	<u>\$ 27,289</u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2010

NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS

Cash and deposits are categorized into three categories of credit risk.

Category 1 includes deposits covered by federal depository insurance or by collateral held by the District or its agents in the District's name.

Category 2 includes deposits covered by collateral held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or its agent in the District's name.

Category 3 includes deposits covered by collateral held by the pledging financial institution or its trust department or agent but not in the District's name and deposits which are uninsured or uncollateralized.

The year and balances of deposits are as follows:

	<u>Bank Balances</u>	<u>Book Balance</u>
Category 1	\$ 81,627	\$ 81,550

NOTE 4 - PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes are levied each December 1 on the assessed value listed as of the prior January 1 for all real property, merchandise and movable property located in the Parish. Assessed values are established by the Lafourche Parish Assessor's Office and the State Tax Commission as percentages of actual value as specified by Louisiana law. A reevaluation of all property is required to be completed no less than every four years. Taxes are due and payable December 31 with interest being charged on payments after January 1. Taxes can be paid through the tax sale date, which is the last Wednesday in June. Properties for which the taxes have not been paid are sold for the amount of the taxes. The tax rate for collections during the year ended December 31, 2010 was 9.66 mills on property within Fire Protection District No. 9 for the purpose of fire protection within the District and payment of respective debt.

NOTE 5 - RECEIVABLES

Receivables as of December 31, 2010 are as follows:

Due from Taxpayers	<u>\$ 13,003</u>
Due from Sheriff (Collections during December 2010 not yet remitted)	<u>\$ 34,846</u>

LAFOURCHE PARISH FIRE DISTRICT NO. 9

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2010

NOTE 6 - GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

A summary of changes in general fixed assets follows:

	Balance January 1, 2010	Additions	Deletions	Balance December 31, 2010
Building	\$ 79,986	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 79,986
Land	6,600	-	-	6,600
Vehicle	140,000	-	-	140,000
Equipment	<u>62,360</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,360</u>
Total	<u>\$ 288,946</u>	<u>\$ 1,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 289,946</u>
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>\$ 130,994</u>	<u>\$ 14,685</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 145,679</u>

NOTE 7 - COMPENSATION OF BOARD MEMBERS

The District did not pay per diem to any of its Board Members during the year ended December 31, 2010.

**OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND REPORTS REQUIRED BY
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

The following pages contain a budget comparison schedule and other reports.

LAFOURCHE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 9
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE (NON GAAP BASOS)
GENERAL FUND
For the Year ended December 31, 2010

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance - with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
Revenues:				
Taxes - ad valorem	\$ 45,800	\$ 46,131	\$ 46,131	\$ -
Revenue sharing	7,300	7,274	7,274	-
Insurance rebate	4,200	4,189	4,189	-
Interest income	-	202	202	-
Other	-	64	64	-
	<u>57,300</u>	<u>57,860</u>	<u>57,860</u>	<u>-</u>
Total revenue				
Expenditures:				
General administration	15,900	18,344	18,344	-
Professional fees	3,000	2,800	2,800	-
Repairs and maintenance	14,500	8,941	8,941	-
Other	5,000	862	862	-
Capital expenditures	15,500	-	-	-
Cooperative agreement	3,400	-	-	-
	<u>57,300</u>	<u>30,947</u>	<u>30,947</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditures				
Excess (deficit) revenues over expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>26,913</u>	<u>26,913</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance, beginning	<u>109,995</u>	<u>109,995</u>	<u>109,995</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 109,995</u>	<u>\$ 136,908</u>	<u>\$ 136,908</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

See accountant's compilation report and accompanying notes.

OTHER REPORTS

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LETTER OF FINDINGS

For the Current Year Ended December 31, 2010

March 15, 2011

Summary of current year findings.

There were no current year findings.

Summary of prior year findings.

There were no prior year findings.